

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Jason Smathers
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Dear Mr. Smathers:

This acknowledges receipt of your fax dated 24 February 2012 concerning your 22 October 2010 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted on behalf of MuckRock, for **all CIA records referencing the five oldest FOIA/PA requests which are still being processed that contain remarks, comments, notes, explanations, etc. made by CIA personnel or contractors about the processing of these requests (and appeals, if appropriate), the invocation of exemptions, or related matters.**

We can appreciate your concern with not having received a final response to your request. It is the overwhelming number of requests and their complexity that causes delays in our responses. Our policy is to handle each on a first-in, first-out basis, which we believe is the most equitable for all requesters. Again, we regret that we are unable to give you a definite date for completion and ask for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Scott Koch", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Koch, J.D., Ph.D.
Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator